I

QUESTION AND ANSWER.

STARRED QUESTION

Arms and Explosives

Refusal of licence for a revolver by the District Magistrate, South Kanara.

*1783 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the application for licence for a revolver, dated 17th October 1927, of Mr. Shesha Bhat Bhide, B.A., B.L., landholder and first-grade pleader, Mangalore town, to the District Magistrate of South Kanara and the order of the District Magistrate refusing the licence and to state—

(*a*) the reasons why the District Magistrate is not satisfied that a revolver is required for the protection of the applicant;

(*b*) what are the real reasons for the refusal;

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to call for the papers and satisfy themselves as to the necessity or otherwise of the application;

(*d*) whether the District Magistrate called for any reports from the officials in the Kasaragod taluk (wherein are situated the two estates of which the said Mr. Bhide is a Receiver of Court); and if so, to what effect have they reported; if not, why not;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the District Magistrate has issued a circular restricting the issue of licences; and

(*f*) whether the circulars will be laid on the table of the House?

A.—The papers referred to are placed on the table.[a]

(*a*) & (*b*) South Kanara is a peaceful district and the District Magistrate found no special circumstances to justify the grant of a revolver licence to the applicant.

(*c*) The Government have satisfied themselves that there is no real necessity for the grant of a revolver licence.

(*d*) & (*e*) The Government have no information.

(*f*) The Government do not propose to take any such action.

II

MOTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR 1928-29.

DEMAND XIV—JAILS.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

*The Raja of Ramnad:—"May I rise to a point of order, Sir. There is no quorum."

(The division bell was rung and after some time a quorum was obtained.)

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[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 496-497 infra.